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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL REJECTION OF AUGUST 27, 2003

Dear Sir:

Petition for 3-Month Extension:

The Commissioner is respectfully petitioned for a 3 month extension of time. Authorization is hereby provided to charge the fee of \$950 and any other fee required to preserve pendency to Deposit Account 10-0750/END777/GSG.

Please amend the Application as set forth below and consider the Following Remarks:

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Remarks begin on Page 7.